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SUMMARY AND ACTION REQUESTED: THIS MESSAGE TRANSMITS
DRAFT DECLARATION ON RELATIONS WITH DEVELOPING COUNTRIES
WHICH SECRETARY GENERAL VAN LENNEP TODAY FLOATED WITH
BIG 7 PERM REPS. PERM REPS AGREED DOCUMENT WHETHER
USED AS DECLARATION OR INCORPORATED IN COMMUNIQUE COULD
BE USEFUL IN FOCUSING MINISTERIAL DISCUSSION. WE NEED
AT LEAST WASHINGTON'S PRELIMINARY REACTION BY
TUESDAY TO THIS DOCUMENT AND PROPOSED DRAFT ENTRY IN
MINUTES ON THIS SUBJECT TRANSMITTED SEPTTEL (CES/77.42).
THE LATTER DOCUMENT INCORPORATES CONCLUSIONS VAN LENNEP
HOPES TO DRAW FROM MINISTERIAL DISCUSSION TO GUIDE
ORGANIZATION IN ITS CONTINUING WORK. END SUMMARY.
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1. AT LUNCH JUNE 10 PERM REPS OF "BIG 7" MEMBER
COUNTRIES (SAME AS LONDON SUMMIT PARTICIPANTS) HAD
PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION OF A DRAFT DECLARATION PREPARED
BY THE SECRETARY GENERAL ON RELATIONS WITH DEVELOPING
COUNTRIES AND LONGER-TERM DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION
(SEE TEXT PARA 8).

2. IN THEIR PRELIMINARY REACTIONS PERM REPS EXPRESSED DOUBT AS TO WHETHER MINISTERS WOULD WANT TO ISSUE A SEPARATE DECLARATION OR USE TEXT AS PART OF THE OVERALL OECD MINISTERIAL COMMUNIQUE. THEY CONCLUDED THAT THIS SHOULD BE A MATTER FOR THE MINISTERS THEMSELVES TO DECIDE. HOWEVER THE DOCUMENT WITH POSSIBLE AMENDMENTS COULD BE A USEFUL VEHICLE FOR FOCUSING MINISTERIAL DISCUSSION ON THE AFTERNOON OF JUNE 23.

3. THEY THEREFORE AGREED TO SEND DRAFT BACK TO CAPITALS FOR THEIR REACTION, HOPEFULLY IN TIME FOR A SCHEDULED TUESDAY, JUNE 14, MEETING OF THE SEVEN. IN THE MEANTIME VAN LENNEP WILL DISCUSS HIS PROPOSAL BILATERALLY WITH A FEW OTHER MEMBER COUNTRIES.

4. IN DISCUSSION OF PERSONAL VIEWS AMONG PERM REPS THERE WAS NO DISAGREEMENT WITH ANY OF THE MAJOR ITEMS CONTAINED IN THE DRAFT, ALTHOUGH THE GERMAN AMBASSADOR WAS FEARFUL THE PARAGRAPHS REFERRING TO READINESS TO COOPERATE WITH DEVELOPING COUNTRIES ON ECONOMIC MATTERS (PER THIRD PARAGRAPH) AND AGREEMENT TO WORK TOGETHER WITH NON-MEMBERS (IN THE FOURTH PARAGRAPH) MIGHT BE GOING A LITTLE TOO FAR.

5. WHETHER THE DECLARATION OR COMMUNIQUE VEHICLE IS USED, VAN LENNEP'S FORMULATION INCORPORATES A NUMBER OF THE IDEAS PUT FORTH IN OUR POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE MINISTERIAL (PART V REFTEL).

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6. THE SECTION ON BASIC HUMAN NEEDS (LAST TWO PARAGRAPHS) WAS DRAFTED BY VAN LENNEP TO ACCOMMODATE THE THRUST OF THE PROPOSAL MADE BY SECRETARY VANCE AT CIEC, IN WHICH HE ADVOCATED A NEW OECD APPROACH IN THIS AREA. THE SECRETARIAT AND KEY DELEGATIONS EXPECT THE SECRETARY WILL ELABORATE IN GREATER DETAIL ON THIS PROPOSAL DURING THE MINISTERIAL MEETING.

7. BIG 7 PERM REPS RECOGNIZED BRIEFLY THAT IT WAS STILL UNCLEAR TO WHAT EXTENT AND IN WHAT TERMS NON-CIEC PARTICIPANTS COULD ASSOCIATE THEMSELVES WITH CIEC RESULTS.

8. DRAFT DECLARATION FOLLOWS:

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DRAFT DECLARATION FOR MINISTERS

MINISTERS OF MEMBER GOVERNMENTS OF THE OECD, MEETING IN
PARIS ON 23RD JUNE, 1977, DISCUSSED THEIR RELATIONS
WITH DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND THE LONGER-TERM ASPECT
OF INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT CO-OPERATION.

THEY RECALLED THEIR DECLARATION OF 28TH MAY, 1975, ON
RELATIONS WITH DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, AND NOTED THE OUT-
COME OF THE CIEC AND THE RESULTS THAT HAVE EMERGED. ALL
MEMBER GOVERNMENTS OF THE OECD, INCLUDING THOSE WHO DID
NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE CIEC, JOINED TOGETHER IN ENDORS-
ING THE AGREEMENTS THAT WERE REACHED THERE. THEY
EXPRESSED THEIR SATISFACTION THAT SOME OECD MEMBER
GOVERNMENTS IN ADDITION TO THOSE WHO TOOK PART IN THE
CONFERENCE HAD DECLARED THEIR INTENTION TO ASSOCIATE
THEMSELVES WITH THE SPECIAL ACTION PROGRAMME ANNOUNCED
AT THAT CONFERENCE.

THEY EXPRESSED THEIR FIRM DETERMINATION TO PURSUE THE
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DIALOGUE BETWEEN THE INDUSTRIALIZED AND DEVELOPING
COUNTRIES IN ALL APPROPRIATE FORA AND THEIR READINESS
TO CO-OPERATE ON ECONOMIC MATTERS. THEY ALSO CONFIRMED

THEIR READINESS TO ENGAGE IN MEANINGFUL CO-OPERATION ON ENERGY WITH ALL INTERESTED COUNTRIES AND ORGANIZATIONS WILLING TO UNDERTAKE SUCH CO-OPERATION, WITH A VIEW TO ENSURING SUSTAINED AND BALANCED ECONOMIC EXPANSION IN THE WORLD.

LOOKING AHEAD, THEY AGREED TO WORK TOGETHER AND WITH NON-MEMBER COUNTRIES FOR A MORE EQUITABLE AND STABLE INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC SYSTEM, ONE WHICH WILL CREATE A BETTER LIFE FOR ALL PEOPLE.

THEY RECOGNIZED THAT THE PROPER MANAGEMENT AND GOOD HEALTH OF THEIR ECONOMIES WAS AN ESSENTIAL CONDITION OF WORLD PROSPERITY.

AT THE SAME TIME THEY ACKNOWLEDGED THEIR RESPONSIBILITY TO WORK TOWARDS MORE CONSTRUCTIVE AND EFFECTIVE DEVELOPMENT CO-OPERATION POLICIES.

THEY NOTED THAT DEVELOPMENT CO-OPERATION CONCERNED RELATIONS BETWEEN GOVERNMENTS BUT THAT ITS OBJECTIVE WAS THE WELL-BEING OF INDIVIDUALS; THEY WERE THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT DEVELOPMENT CO-OPERATION SHOULD CLEARLY FULFILL THE DUAL PURPOSES OF THE GROWTH OF INCOMES AND OF MEETING BASIC HUMAN NEEDS OF INDIVIDUALS IN ALL DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. BOTH THE TRANSFERS OF RESOURCES TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND THE STRUCTURAL CHANGES IN RELATIONS BETWEEN DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND STRUCTURAL CHANGES WITHIN THESE COUNTRIES SHOULD BE CLEARLY DIRECTED TO THESE PURPOSES. THIS WAS PARTICULARLY NECESSARY IN ORDER THAT THE OBJECTIVES AND POLICY CONCEPTS OF DEVELOPMENT CO-OPERATION WOULD BE BETTER UNDERSTOOD AND SUPPORTED BY THE PEOPLES OF INDUSTRIA-
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LIZED AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES ALIKE.

DONOR COUNTRIES, MEMBERS OF THE OECD, REAFFIRMED THEIR INTENTION TO INCREASE SUBSTANTIALLY THE TRANSFER OF RESOURCES FOR DEVELOPMENT AND ANNOUNCED THEIR DETERMINATION TO DIRECT, IN CO-OPERATION WITH DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, A PROGRESSIVELY LARGER SHARE OF THEIR EFFORTS TO PROGRAMMES MEETING BASIC HUMAN NEEDS. FOR EFFECTIVE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS NEW ORIENTATION WITH RESPECT TO ALL DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, THEY ALSO AGREED TO REVIEW IN THE DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE COMMITTEE THE SCOPE AND DIRECTION OF OFFICIAL DEVELOPMENT SUPPORT WITH A VIEW TO ACHIEVING GREATER VOLUME IN AN ENLARGED INTERNATIONAL EFFORT AND MORE EFFICIENCY IN ITS USE.

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